

FINE ARTS BOARD MEETING

Minutes of Proceedings

January 19, 2023

Present: Carol Ackerman
Molly Blakley
Susan Harrison
John Hoesterey
Lance Johnson
Joni Lieb, Vice Chair

Absent: Kelly Milliman, City Council Liaison

Also Present: Jenny Hankinson, Curator of Collections
Felicia Sanchez, Recording Secretary
Community Member, Pam Chadbourne

I. Call to Order

Determining that a quorum was present, Vice Chair, Joni Lieb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Minutes of December 2022

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the December 2022 meeting as presented. Ms. Ackerman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Harrison, Johnson, Lieb

Nays: None

Absent: Blakley, Hoesterey

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Mr. Hoesterey and community member Pam Chadbourn arrived at 6:31 p.m.

III. City Council Liaison Report

No report

IV. Staff Liaison Report

- A. The Public Art Administrator position is still open. This is a part-time position for 20 hours per week and will assist the Museum Director and Ms. Hankinson with Arts and Culture events, the Mural Program, general administrative duties between Fine Arts Board (FAB) and the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) stakeholders, and public art projects. They are expected to start mid to late February.
- B. The next exhibit in the Culture Gallery will be "*Nature's Blueprints: Biomimicry in Art and Design*" from February 3, 2023 – March 15, 2023.
- C. The next exhibit in the Art Gallery will be "Christopher Warren: *REinterpreting REcreating Nature*" from February 17, 2023 – May 14, 2023.

- D. Cultural Arts Partners (CAP) meeting on March 8, 2023, is canceled
- E. The next Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) luncheon is scheduled for March 7, 2023.
- F. State of the Arts will be Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. A painter will be doing a live demonstration during the event. Ms. Hankinson encouraged all FAB members to attend.
- G. The next ACC meeting will be February 9, 2023
- H. Ms. Hankinson shared the 2023 FAB budget report with starting balances.
- I. "A Colorful Dream" opening reception is scheduled for June 15, 2023, with the exhibit opening to the public on June 16, 2023, in the Museum Art Gallery.
- J. "Below the Surface" opens July 14, 2023, through October 20, 2024
- K. "Taiko Chandler: Title TBD" opening reception is Thursday, September 21, 2023. The exhibit runs through January 7, 2024.
- A. RTD mural panels have been ordered and will be installed in the spring of 2023.

V. Committee Reports

SSP&RD Art Committee

- A. Ms. Hankinson will be involved in interviews for the new Museum Public Art Administrator position and will not be at the next meeting. Chair of the ACC, JD McCrumb will be in attendance.

Littleton Arts and Culture Commission

- A. Strategic planning continues and is focused on formulas for art funding.
- B. The February 9, 2023, meeting will host the Executive Director of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Deborah Jordy. She will present on non-profit funding.
- C. City Council Study Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023, regarding the Lodger's Tax and other potential funding in the future.

VI. Old Business

- A. Mural meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023, with artist Michael Ortiz.
- B. Tell Me More Tours in partnership with the Littleton Museum has scheduled more mural walking tours. They are scheduled for Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m., April 23, April 30, May 7, and May 21, 2023.

VII. New Business

- A. Ms. Hankinson discussed the future project of painted traffic boxes at three proposed locations in Littleton. The locations are at the intersections of Bowles and Coventry Lane, Broadway and Powers, and Broadway and Orchard.
- B. The City Public Works department previously partnered with Outnumbered Gallery which has since closed to paint various traffic boxes throughout Littleton.
- C. Ms. Hankinson asked the FAB to discuss taking over this project and the logistics and process for evaluating artists.

Ms. Blakley joined the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

- D. The board briefly discussed the project and decided to move the topic to old business for the next FAB meeting.

Community member Pam Chadbourne who is a resident of Littleton asked to speak and offer public comment to the board about one of the previously painted traffic boxes. The box was located at the intersection of Littleton Boulevard and Prince Street and had originally been painted with flags from various other nations. A neighbor voiced their concern over the use of specific flags and expressed their desire to have the box painted over with a more neutral image. Ms. Chadbourne asked the board to think about the potential for political paintings as well as the freedom of speech when evaluating artists and implementing the project.

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:18 pm, Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ackerman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Blakley, Harrison, Hoesterey, Johnson, Lieb

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

Jenny Hankinson, Curator of Collections

Felicia Sanchez, Recording Secretary